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REMARKS

In response to the restriction requirement dated May 7, 2003, Applicants elect the invention of Group II, i.e., claims 13-18, drawn to a catalyst and its method of making using a carrier. The election is made without traverse.

Applicants have cancelled non-elected claims 1-12, amended claims 13 and 17 so that they no longer depend from cancelled claim 1, and added new claims 19-23. Claims 13-23 are now pending. Support for new claims 19-23 can be found in original claims 2-6, respectively. No new matter has been introduced by the proposed amendments.

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